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Inventors:

Dane K. FISHER et al.

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Cyanidium caldarium and Uses Thereof

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Please charge the statutory fee of \$280.00 for Appellants' Request for Oral Hearing to counsel's deposit account 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001/15749B. A duplicate copy of this page is attached.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.001/15749B. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Appellants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fee for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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